

## EDITORIAL

THE FIRST evidence of fairly early occupation of interior, high altitude sites in Irian Jaya (Indonesian New Guinea) has been reported in the *Irian Bulletin of Irian Jaya Development*. The rockshelter Mapala, at 3996 m elevation, has a  $^{14}\text{C}$  date of  $5440 \pm 130$  B.P. (ANU-1015) from charcoal recovered from 34–39 cm below the surface. Initial examination of pollen from a nearby pond has resulted in a vegetation history of 14,000 years, suggesting disturbance of the vegetation as early as 11,000 years ago and considerably heavier disturbance between 5000 and 2000 years ago (Hope, Geoff. 1977. Observations on the history of human usage of subalpine areas near Mt. Jaya. *Irian Bulletin of Irian Jaya Development* 6(2): 41–72). This research, reported for the Department of Biogeography and Geomorphology, Australian National University, did not include archaeological excavation. Like this journal, *Irian* is a bit behind schedule, this issue having reached me in Hawaii in 1980, but its Editor, Ignatius Suharno, and staff are to be congratulated for keeping the publication going. If you wish to subscribe, write to Lembaga Anthropologie, Universitas Cenderawasih, Kotakpos 422, Jayapura, Irian Jaya, Indonesia.

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